

**TELECONFERENCE
PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGISTS SECTION
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
NOVEMBER 21, 2000**

PRESENT: Stephen Donohue (until 9:22), Robert Karnauskas, Herbert Garn and Roger Hall

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall, Jr.; Becky Fry; William Black, Legal Counsel and Darwin Tichenor, for portions of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Stephen Donohue, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum of four members was present until 9:22 a.m. and then a quorum of three members finished the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Section reordered the agenda to convene to Closed Session immediately after approval of the minutes and to then return to Open Session for the remainder of the agenda.

MOTION: Robert Karnauskas moved, seconded by Roger Hall, to adopt the agenda, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9/26/00)

Under 2/2001 Regulatory Digest Proposed Articles: "Herb Garn" not "Stephen Donohue," will be reporting on professional hydrologist licensing in Wisconsin at the November 2000, American Institute of Hydrology (AIH) annual meeting.

MOTION: Robert Karnauskas moved, seconded by Roger Hall, to approve the minutes, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Roger Hall, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or discipline (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.), to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.), and, to confer with Legal Counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Motion carried by roll call vote: Herbert Garn-yes; Robert Karnauskas-yes; Roger Hall-yes; Stephen Donohue-yes.

Open Session recessed and the Closed Session convened at 9:04 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Section deliberated on Thomas Slawski's rehearing petition.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

By consensus, Closed Session adjourned and Open Session reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

REHEARING PETITION

MOTION: Herbert Garn moved, seconded by Roger Hall, to deny the petition for a rehearing for Thomas Slawski. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Donohue was no longer available by telephone.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Cummings' Report

Alfred Hall indicated that Secretary Cummings did not have anything new to report and would be available if the Section had any questions or concerns.

Bureau Director's Report

- **Section Roster**

Noted.

- **2001 Meeting Dates**

Noted.

Mr. Hall noted Mr. Jonathan Becker did do a follow-up letter, clarifying his previous letter dealing with a malpractice case, in which a Board (Section) member had been an expert witness for a case involving a practitioner regulated by the Board (Section). Mr. Becker recommended the Board (Section) member recuse himself/herself based on the members conflict of interest and that the Board member refrain from such testimony to avoid such conflicts in the future. His follow-up letter emphasized acting as an expert witness for cases regulated by the section and it did not apply to giving expert witness for practitioners of other professions. Mr. Hall will send the Section Mr. Becker's letter.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

- **CR 00-139 Re: GHSS Rules Committee**

Alfred Hall told the Section the GHSS Joint Board public hearing on the proposed administrative rules for the creation of a rules committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2000, at 9:15 a.m. The Professional Soil Science Section will facilitate the hearing. Mr. Hall proposes to schedule a Joint Board telephone conference meeting to delegate authority to a representative of the Board, to approve submitting the proposed administrative rules to the Legislative Standing Committees. The GHSS Joint Board would then meet again on January 23, 2001, to approve the rules for final adoption.

EXAM ISSUES

- **Status of Examination Transition (Tichenor)**

Darwin Tichenor deferred discussion on the status of the examination transition to Herb Garn, who attended the annual AIH meeting.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

No discussion was held.

PRACTICE OF LIMNOLOGY

Alfred Hall informed the Section that he would invite affected individuals to address the Section at the next meeting.

AIH

- **Report of Annual Conference (Herb Garn)**

Herb Garn reported on his attendance at the AIH executive directors meeting to discuss the examination transition and his luncheon presentation on the regulation and licensure of professional hydrologists in Wisconsin at the AIH Annual Conference. He indicated that he reviewed the opportunities that AIH would have if they took responsibility of administering the exam. Mr. Garn stated that AIH had no concerns regarding the Letter of Understanding; however, there were concerns regarding the difference between the current AIH essay exam and Wisconsin's multiple-choice exam. Mr. Garn stated that AIH has a committee set up to work on the transition of the exam.

Mr. Garn informed the Section that he gave the annual meeting attendees an update on the regulation and licensure of professional hydrologists in Wisconsin, as well as distributed exam question writing materials to interested individuals. Mr. Tichenor indicated that he would keep the Section informed of any responses he receives.

The Section requested that Mr. Garn draft a summary of his experience at the AIH annual meeting for inclusion in the next Regulatory Digest.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Roger Hall moved, seconded by Herbert Garn, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.